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EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA

ARTICLE 000 - INTRODUCTION

1. The Equestrian Federation of India was constituted in 1967, and is duly registered with the Registrar of Societies under the Societies Registration Act (Act xxi of 1860), hereinafter referred to as EFI.
2. The registered office of the EFI is located at T1 Station Road Cariappa Marg, Delhi Cantt - 10 (India) in the State of Delhi. Tele No : **+ 91-11-25683601, 25683602** Website **www.efinf.org**.
3. The EFI Emblem is a Striking Horse-head in the Indian Tri-colour within a Chakra (wheel).
4. The EFI Flag consists of the Tri-Colour Logo of the Federation on a White Satin a contemporary splash of the Indian Flag.

CHAPTER I

PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES

ARTICLE 001 - PURPOSES

1. EFI is a recognized body of Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS), Indian Olympic Association (IOA), Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI), Asian Equestrian Federation (AEF), International Tent Pegging Federation (ITPF) and is the sole authority for conducting in INDIA all Local, Regional, National and International Equestrian disciplines recognized by them.
2. To encourage and develop Equestrian sport of FEI disciplines, Equestrian sport peculiar to India, Asian region and improve the standard of performance of Indian riders in various international events.
3. To promote interest in Equestrian Sports, breeding of required type of horses, their training, care, veterinary control and medication.
4. To establish and publish rules and regulations for conduct of Regional,



National, International Events and events peculiar to Asia region. All events in general will be governed by FEI/ITPF/EFI rules as applicable.

5. To allot, approve programmes for equestrian competitions held under the aegis of EFI in India and exercise control over their technical organisation and actual conduct.
6. To encourage holding of competitions and to provide latest technical know-how.
7. To organize coaching camps, clinics for officials and veterinary control of all equestrian disciplines approved and recognized by FEI/ITPF/EFI.
8. To organize training and appoint adequate number of officials and veterinarians in various equestrian disciplines in order to get them empanelled with FEI/ITPF.
9. To promote understanding and cooperation between various affiliated members, and to give them support and strengthen their authority, prestige and to improve equestrian sports throughout the country.
10. To assist Organising Committee of local Horse Shows by extending technical know-how, in terms of appointment of officials, etc.
11. To print, publish and sell periodicals, books or leaflets to promote equestrian sport in order to keep all its members updated on all aspects.
12. To arrange representation of the EFI in Govt, International and Asian bodies as is considered necessary and to participate in their meetings and proceedings.
13. To acquire and dispose off property, movable and immovable in the best interest of the federation.
14. To undertake, create and execute any trust, which may lawfully be undertaken by the Federation.
15. To borrow or raise money for the purposes for which the Federation has been constituted.



16. To render financial assistance, as and when possible, to its members for furtherance of the objectives of the Federation.
17. To liaise and cooperate with Government and other organisation, private bodies and Institution/Clubs for the promotion and development of any one or more of the objectives of the Federation.
18. Generally, to do all acts necessary and expedient for the promotion of any of the above objectives or any other objectives which are ancillary and/or incidental to the above objectives or to any one of them that will further the general purposes of the Federation.
19. As required under Section 2 of the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 (Punjab Amendment Act 1957) as extended to the Union Territory of Delhi, the names, address, occupation and designation of the members of the Executive Committee will be issued to all concerned from time to time.
20. Utilisation of Fund: The funds and property of the society shall be used only for the purpose and objectives of the society.

ARTICLE 002 - PRINCIPLES

1. The EFI is based on principles of equality and mutual respect between all members without prejudice to race, colour, region and internal political beliefs.
2. The EFI shall encourage and support the promotion of gender equality in sport at all levels and in all structures with a view to implement the principle of equality of men and women as Equestrian is a gender neutral sport.
3. The EFI is committed to promoting a safe sporting environment and therefore all forms of harassment and abuse are prohibited and will not be tolerated by the EFI. Measures for prevention of sexual harassment of women as per instructions of Govt of India on the subject will be followed.
4. All members of EFI will recognize its parental body as the sole authority for National and International Equestrian Disciplines conducted under their aegis. In case of any disagreement, the decision of President on advice of the Executive Committee of EFI will be final.

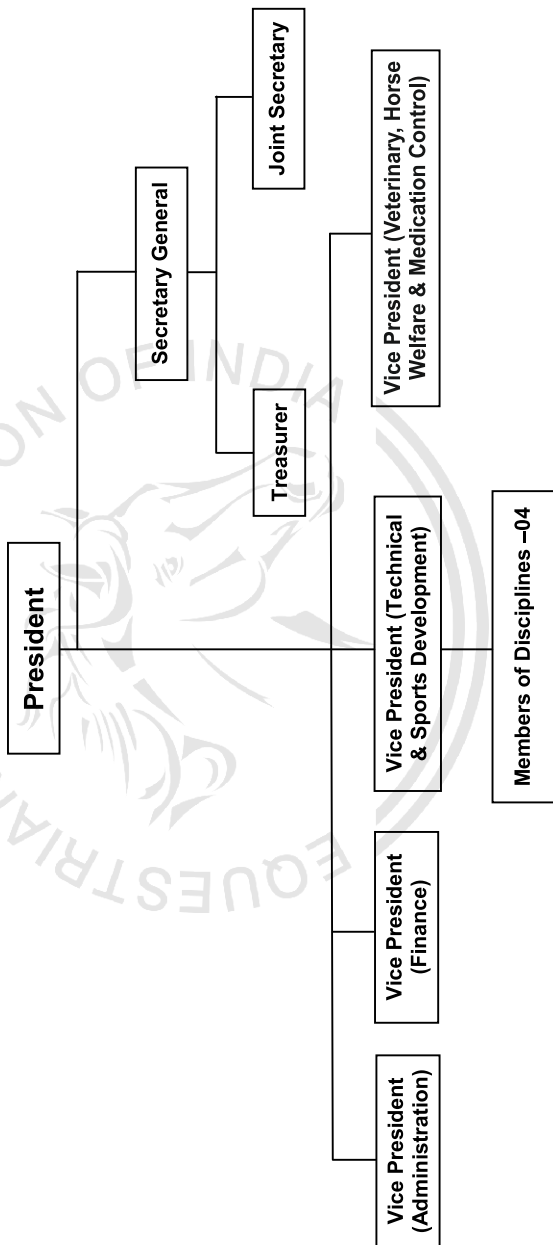


5. All memberships are on voluntary basis. It is a condition of membership that each member Individual/Life/Institution/Cub/ State/UT Equestrian Association will comply and are bound by the EFI Rules and Regulations including but not limited to the Statutes, Technical Guidelines, National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) rules, prevention of Age fraud, prevention of sexual harassment of women and any decision issued by the authorised bodies of the EFI in relation to all facets of its functioning / the conduct of EFI governed equestrian Events, all of which shall also bind Organising Committees, Officials, Horse Owners, Persons Responsible, Athletes, team officials and other individuals and bodies involved in EFI Events. EFI reserves the right to terminate membership.
6. The EFI and its affiliated members encourage and support the promotion and implementation of ethics, basic principles of good governance in equestrian sports and in their organizations in India.
7. The EFI has complete jurisdiction over all its competitors.



ARTICLE 003

ORGANISATION OF EFI



1. The responsibility of the management of the EFI will lie with Executive Committee. The following will constitute the Executive Committee consisting of 12 members.

- 1.1 The President

- 1.2 Vice President (Administration), Vice President (Veterinary, Horse Welfare & Medication Control), Vice President (Finance) and Vice President (Technical & Sports Development).

- 1.3 Executive Committee members 4, of which one each will be responsible for the three Olympic disciplines i.e Dressage, Jumping, Eventing and one as Member for Non-Olympic disciplines i.e Tent Pegging and Endurance.

- 1.4 Secretary General (01)

- 1.5 Joint Secretary (01)

- 1.6 Treasurer (01)



CHAPTER II

MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 004 - MEMBERSHIP

1. There will be five categories of members.
 - 1.1 **Individual/Life Members:** - Indian citizens who are 18 years of age and above are eligible to become members. All individual/Life members should be having interest in Equestrian sports. He/she would be able to contribute to the development of the equestrian sport significantly. This category of membership shall not confer any voting rights to them in the elections of the EFI. Individual membership is for a period of one year subject to voluntary renewal by the individual every year. Life Membership is for life time.
 - 1.2 **State/UT Equestrian Associations:** - All State /UT Equestrian Association are eligible to be members of the EFI as per parameters formulated by the EFI. The right of a State/UT Equestrian Association to retain its membership with the EFI shall solely be dependent upon the eligibility criteria laid down by the EFI.
 - 1.3 **Clubs:**- Clubs can apply for membership of the EFI. However, such membership will be restricted to only those organizations that are involved in Equestrian Activities which will be guided by parameters formulated and amended from time to time by EFI. The Executive Committee may seek general assembly approval for terminating membership of those Clubs which do not meet the above criteria.
 - 1.4 **Institution:** Any organisation of an all India standing connected with Equestrian sport like Sport Control Board etc shall be accepted as affiliated members.
 - 1.5 **Honorary Members:** - The Executive Committee may confer honorary membership of required designation (i.e. either as Honorary President/Vice President / Executive Committee Member) to the members for their long and outstanding contribution to EFI and to further the cause of equestrian sports in



the country. Honorary membership, of the designation last held, will also be granted to members who have completed three terms or twelve years as an elected office bearer of the federation. Honorary members can attend meetings, if invited, but will not have voting rights either in the EC or in the General Assembly. Honorary membership can also be granted to elite riders who are Arjuna awardees/ Asian Game medalists in recognition of their contribution to the sport.

2. All five categories of members will be addressed as member hereafter but in specific cases same will be clearly stated.
3. All membership applications will be screened for eligibility by the Bid Evaluation and Membership Screening committee duly nominated by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 005 - PROCEDURE FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Application for Individual/Life membership, duly proposed and seconded by existing members, must be sent by the applicant to the Secretary General in the prescribed membership form. Relevant details/ personal resume of the applicant, highlighting his / her equestrian background/ certificate from appropriate recognised equestrian institution/ Club / State / UT Equestrian Association should be attached with the application. The Executive Committee/Bid Evaluation and Membership Screening committee may call for a personal interview of the applicant.
2. State/UT Equestrian Association applying for membership/affiliation to EFI must be recognised by respective State Olympic Association, fulfil criteria formulated and approved by the EFI. The EFI after examining the details of those association who are active since minimum one year will be granted provisional membership to the Association for a period of one year without voting rights. Thereafter, after assessing the parameters, the EFI shall grant them permanent membership for one year and the same will be renewed on yearly basis. The State/ UT Associations shall have voting rights only after being given the status of a permanent member. These State/UT Equestrian Association will be called recognized Association. In case of non-compliance of above, EFI may derecognize any Association. The EFI will recognize only one State Association/UT per State/UT in the Union of India. While granting recognition/ affiliation to the



State/UT Associations, the EFI will take into consideration the representative character of the State/ UT Association as to ensure that only truly representative body of the Equestrian sports gets the recognition.

3. Institutions /Clubs applying for membership to the EFI must apply on the prescribed form to EFI. All relevant details regarding the office bearers, membership list and profile, number of horses and ponies owned/held, facilities available etc. must be forwarded along with the application form. The Secretary General, on the advice of the Bid Evaluation and Membership Screening Committee, may ask for further information, if necessary. In case of Institution/ Clubs members, it is at their discretion to join either their District Association of State/UT Equestrian Associations or EFI directly even if a State/UT Equestrian Association exist in their State/UT. In case they decide to choose State/UT Equestrian Association, then they cannot vote in EFI Elections and would automatically become the members of the District Association of respective State/UT Equestrian Association. All Institution/Club shall mandatorily be member of EFI.
4. If all the information provided by the application is found satisfactory by the Bid Evaluation and Membership Screening Committee, then the same will be put up to the Executive Committee for ratification and thereafter to the General Assembly for approval. The members thus ratified will enjoy all rights and benefits, including voting rights and right to contest elections.

ARTICLE 006 - SUBSCRIPTIONS

1. On approval of an application, an applicant will be charged an annual subscription effective from (date of ratification at the AGM) as laid down in these statutes. However, at the time of application a non-refundable application fee must accompany the application, otherwise it is null and void.
2. All annual subscriptions will be paid in advance by 31 Oct of each financial year ending 31 Mar. Failure to pay by due date will automatically disqualify a member from voting rights in ensuing General Assembly. The EFI Secretariat will ensure that the subscription bills are raised and forwarded to all concerned well in time.



3. The fee payable by all categories of members will be decided by the EC and ratified by the GA.

ARTICLE 007 - RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

1. All members will have the following rights:-
 - 1.1 Right to receive the copy of the Statutes, Memorandum and Rules and Regulations of the EFI, as and when published, on payment of prescribed fee.
 - 1.2 Right to receive the Balance Sheet and audited accounts of the EFI.
 - 1.3 Right to attend the General Assembly (Annual General Body Meeting) and Extra Ordinary General Assembly.
 - 1.4 Right to vote in Elections held with General Assembly Meeting / Extra Ordinary General Assembly shall lie only with the existing Institution/Club and State/UT Equestrian Association Members.
 - 1.5 All members desirous of contesting Elections have to be Individual/Life member of EFI and are required to be proposed by State/UT Equestrian Association/Institution/Clubs affiliated with EFI.
 - 1.6 Liabilities of the members are limited to the extent of their subscriptions and entrance fees.
 - 1.7 Each member is entitled to a membership card issued by the Federation.
2. **Resignation:** A member shall give in writing his intention to withdraw from the membership of the EFI to the Executive Committee (addressed to the Secretary General). Such a resignation will take effect from the date of its acceptance by the Executive Committee.
3. **Removal/Suspension/Termination of Membership:** A member shall cease to be a member of the EFI if: -
 - 3.1 He has been adjudicated as insolvent by a court.
 - 3.2 He, being a Government servant, has been dismissed from Service.



- 3.3 A member who has been found guilty by a competent court for an offence involving moral turpitude, gross misconduct or has been sentenced to imprisonment or has been Framed by a Court of Law that has a sentence of 6 months or more.
- 3.4 He has not paid the bills on due date as stipulated in these Statutes despite two reminders.
- 3.5 The Dispute Resolution, Disciplinary and Ethics Committee of the EFI recommends any instances that merit termination which may involve gross misconduct and/or moral turpitude. The final decision of termination shall vest with the EC for Individual/Life members and General Assembly for Institution/Club/State/UT members.

4. **Removal/Suspension of Membership:**

- 4.1 An Individual/Life member may be removed from the Federation if he/she has been found guilty of any conduct which, in the opinion of the Executive Committee based on their reasoned decision, is against the objectives of the EFI or contrary to it's interest. In such a case, the decision of the Executive Committee which must be passed by a two third majority is final and binding. In case of a State/UT Equestrian Association and Institution/Club members, the same has to be put up to General Body/Extra Ordinary General Body and its decision will be final and binding which shall be required to be passed by a simple majority of members present.
- 4.2 The Executive Committee, may suspend an individual/life member for an offence for a specific period. The decision for suspension should be passed by a simple majority. At the end of the suspension period, the member may be automatically reinstated with all his/her rights. Such cases will need to be ratified by the Executive Committee.
- 4.3 The General Assembly, by a two third majority of votes, can suspend/remove/terminate from the Federation any member of Executive Committee, Selection Committee, Athletes' Commission and other Sub Committee for gross misconduct or for activates contrary to interests and objectives of the EFI.



5. **Right of Appeal:** - A Life/Individual member whose membership has been terminated or suspended by the Executive Committee, shall have the right to appeal to the Executive Committee. In case of Institution/Club members and State/UT Equestrian Association their appeal will be routed through Dispute Resolution, Discipline & Ethics Committee, Executive Committee to General Assembly at its meeting, whenever it is due. Till such time a decision is taken by the Executive Committee or General Assembly, the member shall be treated as a suspended/terminated member of the EFI.
6. **Reinstatement:** - When the Executive Committee decides by a two third majority of voting members present to reinstate an individual/life member after hearing her/his appeal against termination and in case of Institution/Club member, State/UT Equestrian Association a two third majority at the General Assembly, the member as applicable will then be reinstated after paying all dues and the normal subscription.
7. **Effect of Suspension or Removal/Expulsion:**
- 7.1 When an individual/life member is suspended by the Executive Committee he/she will not be allowed to participate in an event in any official capacity during that period and will also not be allowed to attend or take part in any meeting of the EFI except when his appeal is being heard in such meeting.
- 7.2 In case of a Institution/Club/ State/UT Equestrian associations/ members, shall not be allowed to conduct or hold any competition or event under its patronage/aegis of EFI or send a representative to attend or take part in any meeting of the Federation except in the meeting in which the appeal of the member concerned is being heard.
- 7.3 The cases of suspension and subsequent reinstatement as well as case of expulsion and removal will be made known as soon as possible to other members by the Secretary General of EFI. He will also inform the concerned member in writing of the decision.



CHAPTER III

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ARTICLE 008 - COMPOSITION

1. The General Assembly, in session under the Statues, is the supreme authority of EFI.
2. The General Assembly shall be the controlling body of the Federation. All authority is vested in it and decisions of the assembly shall be binding on all members.
3. Each State/UT Equestrian Association member may be represented by authorised representatives and has two votes each. The voting authorization will be signed and stamped by President or Secretary of State/UT Equestrian Association. Each Institution/Club member shall have one vote. The voting authorization will be signed and stamped by authorised signatory of Institutions/ Clubs.
4. Honorary President, Honorary Vice President and other Honorary Members and Ex-officio Members may attend the General Assembly without voting rights.

ARTICLE 009 - FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The functions and powers of General Assembly are supreme and will be as follows: -

1. To approve the minutes of last General Assembly.
2. To approve the agenda.
3. To elect members of Executive Committee/Selection Committee, whenever is due.
4. No proxy voting is permitted and voting will be through Secret Ballot only. The election process will be guided bye-laws as formed and approved by EFI from time to time.
5. To discuss and approve the Annual Report submitted by the Secretary General.



6. To receive and approve the Annual Financial Report submitted by Vice President (Finance) and /or by Secretary General/Treasurer.
7. To approve Budget proposal for the next financial year.
8. To discuss and approve reports if any received from Vice Presidents/Executive Committee members.
9. To approve reinstatement of expelled members except those expelled or terminated on disciplinary grounds.
10. To decide on items put on the agenda by the Executive Committee on request of members.
11. To approve and amend rules and regulations/statutes. These, however, would have to be passed by a simple majority of votes of members present.
12. To consider suspension and thereafter termination of membership of a member who approaches an outside agency for dispute resolution, bypassing the inbuilt statutory mechanism.
13. To take appropriate action on issues relating to non implementation of statutes raised by members, including disqualifying the person concerned in an extreme case by two third majority. However, before taking any action the matter must be referred to the Dispute Resolution, Disciplinary and Ethics Committee for necessary inquiry and report.
14. To deal with any other matter not specifically provided for elsewhere in these rules.

ARTICLE 010 - AGENDA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Points to be included in an agenda for an ordinary General Assembly must be sent to Secretary General EFI ten days prior to the date of meeting of General Assembly, in order to enable the Secretariat to include the same. The Secretary General will ensure that all such points are put up to the Executive Committee for discussion and deliberation. The Executive Committee may, thereafter, decide to include or exclude the points in the agenda of the General Assembly. The member concerned, in any case, will have to be informed of the outcome by the Secretary General in writing.



2. Only items notified in the agenda may be decided at a session. In exceptional cases, the Chairman may allow unlisted items also to be discussed.

ARTICLE 011 - ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. The General Assembly shall be held at least once in every calendar year but not later than 30th September. However, under compelling circumstances the AGM may be delayed. Such Annual General Assembly shall be called "Ordinary General Assembly Meeting".
2. General Assembly Meeting will be held after giving a minimum notice of thirty days in writing specifying the date, place and hour of the meeting and the agenda of the meeting. Such information will also be dispatched under postal certificate to all members.
3. The quorum for holding an Annual General Assembly Meeting shall be a minimum of 75 members of the EFI. A member for this purpose means an individual/ life member in person or a State / UT / Institution / Club member, represented by one individual of that organization. No proxy is allowed to count towards quorum.
4. General Assembly will be presided by the President, However, if cannot be chaired by the President, then the Vice President (Administration) will preside. In case of absence of both, Executive Committee will nominate the Chairman.

ARTICLE 012 - EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. In case of necessity, another General Assembly can be convened during the year. This will be called "Extra Ordinary General Assembly".
2. The Executive Committee may whenever they think fit, and or upon requisition made by 50 members of the EFI, an Extra-Ordinary General Assembly can be convened. A meeting convened by requisition shall be fixed for a date not later than 21 days from the date of requisition. The requisition shall specify the objective of the meeting and only business specified shall be discussed at the meeting. The request for the meeting shall be made to the Secretary General of the EFI who shall call the meeting. The right to call the meeting shall not vest with the individual and life members.



3. The conduct of the Extra-Ordinary General Assembly Meeting will be exactly like the Ordinary General Assembly Meeting but quorum has to be minimum of 50 members excluding Executive Committee members.
4. Decisions recorded in the Minutes shall be as binding.
5. The powers of the Extra Ordinary General Assembly will be same as the Ordinary General Assembly except amendments to statutes which can only be taken up in the ordinary General Assembly.
6. Minutes of General Assembly/Extra Ordinary General Assembly must be mandatorily sent/ circulated to all the members within 30 days from the date of the meeting. It will also be placed in the federation reference file.



CHAPTER IV

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 013 - ORGANISATION AND FUNCTIONS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The management of the business of the EFI shall be vested in the Executive Committee of members as structured below:-
 - 1.1 President - 1
 - 1.2 Vice President - 4 (Technical & Sports Development, Administration, Finance and Veterinary and Horse Welfare & Medication Control)
 - 1.3 Secretary General - 1
 - 1.4 Joint Secretary - 1
 - 1.5 Treasurer - 1
 - 1.6 Other Members - 4 (One each for Olympic disciplines i.e Dressage, Jumping & Eventing and one for non-Olympic disciplines i.e Tent Pegging and Endurance)
2. The President at his discretion, may invite any person (s) to Executive Committee Meetings who in his opinion may meaningfully contribute to the discussions and deliberations. However, such invitees will not have any voting rights.
3. The Executive Committee will meet at least four times in a year with a 15 days notice. The interval between such meetings may not exceed three months. However, for urgent matters, emergency meetings can be called wherein the said notice period is not required.
4. The quorum for holding of Executive Committee Meeting shall be a minimum of seven members.
5. All the members of the Executive Committee shall be elected from



amongst the members of the EFI. It shall be obligatory for the Secretary General, Joint Secretary and Treasurer to be Delhi based.

6. A member of the Executive Committee when associated with a team during an event, shall not claim his prerogative as a member of the Executive Committee.
- 6.1 **Conflict of Interest:** A person with conflict of interest will not be elected as member of Executive Committee neither he will be any office bearer of the federation. The definition of conflict of interest is to be followed as per EFI's Internal Regulations.
7. Each member of the Executive Committee, shall assume office on the following day of the conclusion of the Annual General Assembly in which the elections were held for the particular appointment and will hold office for a term of four years. Govt employees seeking to hold elective office in the Equestrian Federation of India will comply with the guidelines promulgated by the Central Govt on the subject. In case of President, Secretary General and Treasurer the following conditions will apply with regard to re-elections.
 - 7.1 The President can hold the office for a maximum period of twelve years with or without break i.e. three terms.
 - 7.2 The Secretary General and the Treasurer may serve a maximum of two successive terms of four years each after which a minimum cooling off period of four years will apply to seek fresh election to either post.
8. Members who wish to serve on the Executive Committee should be proposed and seconded as per the EFI Election Bye Laws and the rules prescribed therein.
9. **Prominent Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit in the Executive Committee.** A minimum of 25% of the Executive Committee ought to be prominent sports persons of outstanding merit on tenure basis. The Prominent Sports Persons should also be elected for the Athletes Commission of the EFI.
10. **Restriction on holding office in more than one NSF.** A person cannot hold office simultaneously in more than one NSF.



11. If a vacancy in the Executive Committee occurs during the year, due to demise, resignation or for any other reason, the Executive Committee may nominate a suitable member of the Federation to hold the said office till such time the next AGM/EOGM whichever is earlier. This short term will not, however, count towards his/her total tenure in case he/she is subsequently elected for a term. However, the term of his/her election to post having fallen vacant will be for the period remaining of the outgoing member.
12. Elections of the above committee members will be held once in four years or whenever a vacancy occurs during the General Assembly/Extra Ordinary General Assembly from amongst members. All such elected members will serve a four year term or as stated in the Election Notice. The election process will be guided as per bye-laws framed and approved by EFI from time to time wherein it will be ensured that voting takes place through Secret Ballot and no proxy voting is permitted.
13. If an Executive Committee member does not attend three consecutive meetings without cogent reason, he/she will cease to be a member and the President can nominate another suitable EFI member to meet immediate requirement. A suitable member will, however be elected in the ensuing elections to fill up the vacancy.
14. The Executive Committee is empowered to form sub committees / any other committees that it considers necessary.
15. The Executive Committee is empowered to approve and issue Technical Guidelines/ General Regulations as required for development of sport and conduct of events.
16. **Age of Members of Executive Committee, Selection Committee, Sub Committees etc:** All functionaries of Executive Committee, Selection Committee, Sub Committee etc shall cease to hold the post on attaining the age of 70 years.
17. **Athletes' Commission:** In line with International Olympic Committee (IOC) and Indian Olympic Association (IOA) the EFI would form an Athlete's Commission consisting of 05 Members. Once the Athlete's Commission is formed, a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson would be elected by the members of the Athlete's Commission of which one would be a male and the other a female



who would represent the Athlete's Commission on the EC pertaining to their mandate only. The mandate of the Athlete's Commission are as under: -

- (i) Represent the athletes within the federation.
- (ii) Liaise between active athletes and federation.
- (iii) Uphold the rights and obligations of the athletes.

Athlete's Commission Members:-

Total No of Member - 05
Elected members - 03
Nominated member - 02 (to be nominated by the President, EFI to bring in gender equality)

Eligibility of Candidates: - The eligibility to contest as member of athletes' commission would be atleast National Medal winner at senior level competitions.

Tenure of Athlete's Commission:- Each Member of the Athlete's Commission would be elected for a term of 4 years or the next AGM/NEC event whichever is earlier where maximum athletes would gather.

18. The Athlete's Commission through its Chairperson and Vice Chairperson would be responsible to co-ordinate, represent and be the voice of the participating athletes in the Executive Committee. They shall attend Executive Committee meeting for matters pertaining to their charter only. All matters pertaining to Athletes' complaints, suggestions and redressals would be forwarded with clear recommendation of Athletes' Commission to Secretary General who shall put up to Executive Committee for their reasoned decision.



CHAPTER V

FORMATION AND DUTIES OF OTHER COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 014 - COMMITTEES

The following committees will be nominated by the Executive Committee: -

1. **Bid Evaluation and Membership Screening Committee:** The committee will consist of three members nominated by the Executive Committee. Any member of the EFI is eligible to be the member of the committee. The term of this committee will be for two years.

Bids All the bids received for hosting of events under the aegis of EFI will be examined by the committee. The committee, after careful examination, will present the bids with its comments to the Executive Committee for approval and subsequent calendar finalisation.

Membership Applications The committee will screen and examine all membership applications and then put up/ present the list with its comments to the Executive Committee for its approval.

2. **Dispute Resolution, Disciplinary & Ethics Committee (DRDEC):** The Executive Committee will nominate a three member committee, who are not members of Executive Committee, for resolution of all disputes and grievances relating to violation of EFI rules & regulations, disciplinary cases arising in course of events held under the aegis of EFI excluding those which are referable to technical committee constituted for their resolution. The DRDEC will, after calling for all relevant records and facts and after giving reasonable opportunity to the parties, in compliance with principles of natural justice, will render its reasoned decision within a maximum period of sixty days. Separate Rules will be formulated for constitution of the Dispute Resolution, Disciplinary and Ethics Committee which shall be approved by EC as amended from time to time. The same shall be ratified in AGM/EOGM. The decision of the Dispute Resolution, Disciplinary & Ethics Committee will be final and binding. If a party continues to be aggrieved, it shall be open to that party to file an appeal within 30 days on the decision of DRDEC. The appeal will be adjudicated upon by EC, who will dispose of the said appeal within a period of 30 days. The decision of the EC, thereafter, will be final and



binding on the parties. It will, however, be mandatory for the Executive Committee to take up the appeal in its following meeting on issue related to State/UT Equestrian Association/Institution/ Club in the General Assembly whenever it is due. The term of this committee will be for two years.

3. **CAS CLAUSE:** The Equestrian Federation of India agrees to file an appeal against the orders of the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) before the Court of Arbitration for Sports. (CAS).

ARTICLE 015 - SELECTION COMMITTEE ELECTION, TENURE AND PROCEDURES

1. The Selection Committee shall consists of: -
 - (a) President of the National Federation as the Chairman.
 - (b) National Coach if appointed.
 - (c) 05 members elected by the General Assembly.

Members who have won medals in National Equestrian Championship/ eminent sports person / Arjuna awardees are only eligible to be elected as Selection Committee members. Their tenure must be co-terminus with the Asian Games and will be for a period of four years. The term will terminate at the AGM succeeding the Asian Games. The Secretary General will attend meetings without voting rights. All proceedings of the Selection Committee related to selection of Individual/Team to represent India for any of the discipline of EFI will be minuted and signed by Selection Committee members and further sent to EC members. for their ratification.

2. If a Selection Committee member does not attend two consecutive meetings without any valid reason for absence, he will cease to be a member and the President can nominate another suitable EFI member to meet immediate requirement. A suitable member will however, be elected in the ensuing General Assembly to fill up the vacancy. The criteria for members seeking re election to the Selection Committee will be the same as stipulated in the statutes for Selection Committee members.
3. The Selection Committee composed as stipulated in these statutes will assemble as and when necessary for following responsibilities: -



- 3.1 Selection of Indian teams and Chef d'equipe/ Coaches/Managers for all disciplines to represent India in International Events held in India and abroad. This will include Asian / Olympics / International / Regional / Friendly Games. Performance and merit will be the only criteria.
- 3.2 Selection Criteria will be prepared and forwarded to Executive Committee for approval. Thereafter it will be promulgated to all members of EFI, upload on its website and will be strictly adhered to. For any reason (s) in case the same is required to be amended, can be done by this Committee based on the suggestion of Executive Committee and such changes will be recorded. The decision taken by Executive Committee is final and binding.
- 3.3 The Selection Committee will also decide the nominations for Arjuna, Dronacharya Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna and similar awards and their recommendations will be put up to the Executive Committee for final approval. The final decision will thereafter be conveyed to the Government and to the General Assembly by the Secretary General.
- 3.4 The President may reconvene Selection Committee meeting should in his opinion there is need to do so, based on complaints/ representations received by him. However, the reconvening of the meeting can be done only once.

ARTICLE 016 - CHEF D' EQUIPE / COACHES / MANAGERS

1. All Chef D'equipe/ Managers/ Coaches to accompany Indian teams for all International competitions held in foreign countries/ India including Asian Games, World Equestrian Games and Olympic Games will be done by the Selection Committee and then approved by the Executive Committee. If for any reason, there is an urgency to decide and the Executive Committee cannot meet, then the Secretary General must inform them at the earliest. In any case, the Chef D'equipe will mandatorily submit a report of all foreign trips in the subsequent Executive Committee meetings.



CHAPTER VI

DUTIES

ARTICLE 017 - PRESIDENT

1. The President is overall responsible for ensuring that the purposes and principles of EFI are observed and for general supervision of all its activities and will guide all members in discharge of their duties.
2. The President should generally chair all sessions of General Assembly, Executive Committee and other committee that may be formed. However, he may delegate responsibility to chair meeting in case of his temporary inability to attend such meetings.
3. The President will ensure that the financial position of EFI is sound.
4. The President, in consultation with Secretary General, has full powers to ensure smooth day to day running of EFI, its Secretariat, and for holding the General Assemblies/EC and its related expenditure. They are also vested with powers to incur expenditure involved in organising or supervising any equestrian competition held under the aegis of EFI.
5. The President is entitled to casting vote in case of a tie. This will be clearly recorded in the minutes.
6. In the event of resignation by the President, the Vice President (Administration) will preside. If the Vice President (Administration) is also not available, the Executive Committee may nominate a suitable member as the President. It is, however, mandatory for such a member to get formally elected in the next AGM/EOGM whichever is earlier.
7. The President can take decision on any matter which in his/her opinion shall benefit in the growth and development of the sport. The matter has to be routed through Secretary General with the proposal duly recommended by Executive Committee/ Technical Committee or any sub committees formed for a specific purpose.



ARTICLE 018 - VICE PRESIDENT (ADMINISTRATION)

He will be responsible to General Assembly for administration of EFI. His duties will be as under: -

1. Responsible for all duties of administrative nature, involving all activities of EFI.
2. He will assist the President in the duties related to administration.
3. Preside over the Executive Committee Meeting and General Assembly / Extra Ordinary General Assembly in the absence of the President.
4. He will guide and oversee the functioning of the Secretariat on all administrative matters including upkeep and maintenance of office, communication, holding of meetings and smooth functioning.
5. The Secretary General will report to him directly on all matters of administration of EFI. On assumption to the post of President in light of Presidents absence, the Secy Gen and Secretariat will refer all matters marked for the President to Vice President (Administration).

ARTICLE 019 - VICE PRESIDENT (TECHNICAL & SPORTS DEVELOPMENT)

He will be responsible to General Assembly for all Technical activities of EFI and activities related to development of Equestrian sports in India. Briefly, his duties will be as under: -

1. Responsible for all Technical/Sports Development issues (Excluding Veterinary).
2. He will assist the President in all Technical/ Sports Development related issues.
3. Secretary General in consultation with him/her will nominate Officials for all National/International events well in advance.
4. He will be responsible for formulating Technical Guidelines for all events to be conducted under the aegis of EFI.
5. He will present to the Executive Committee a summary of all Technical Delegates report at the end of the equestrian calendar.



6. All competition rules and prospectus once finalised for a competition, will not be altered by any Organising Committee without the approval of Vice President (Technical & Sports Development).
7. He as Chairman of Technical Committee shall be responsible to carry out all amendments to Technical Guidelines, rules and regulations in consultation with members Olympic Disciplines, Non-Olympic Disciplines & Secretary General. However; no such changes shall take effect unless approved by the Executive Committee.
8. He will be responsible for organizing clinics for judges and will update the EFI directory. The draft updated directory prepared by him will, however, need approval of the Executive Committee.
9. Executive committee members responsible for Olympic disciplines and non-Olympic disciplines will report to him and generally work under his guidance.
10. He will be responsible for initiating sports development activities to popularise equestrian sport throughout the country.
11. He will initiate and coordinate development activities with the FEI.
12. He will coordinate and network with the State/UT Equestrian Associations, Institution/ Club members for development of equestrian sports in the States.
13. He will, in consultation with the President and Executive Committee members, draw up developmental plan for Regional Competitions within South Asia and Asian Regions.
14. He will coordinate with the President to initiate training facilities for skilled manpower such as Trainers, Grooms, Farriers, Dressers, etc. for Institution/Club members/ State/UT Equestrian Associations and ensure they are affiliated with EFI.
15. He in consultation with Secretary General will be responsible for growth and development of equestrian sports in India and shall prepare a plan which shall be put to Executive Committee for ratification. He will keep the President and the Executive Committee informed and seek their guidance in implementing developmental issues.



16. He will be responsible for updating the list of coaches for National and Regional levels.
17. He will be responsible for coordinating the development of infrastructure with Institution/Club Members / State/UT Equestrian Association.

ARTICLE 020 - VICE PRESIDENT (FINANCE)

He will be responsible to General Assembly for all financial affairs of EFI. His duties will be as under: -

1. He will assist the President through Secretary General in preparation of Budget Estimates and get them approved by the General Assembly.
2. Will ensure budgetary and monetary provisions, as laid down in the Statutes, are strictly adhered to.
3. Raise funds by way of sponsorships, donations etc. Management of sponsorship will be his/her responsibility. He will be the Chairman of Sponsorship Committee alongwith Secretary General and Treasurer as members.
4. He will be responsible for all expenses, income and investments. Further, he will report to the Executive Committee on the financial status of the Federation.
5. He will be responsible for drafting the corpus fee policy/ guidelines, payable by organizing committees for events to be held under the aegis of EFI. He will keep himself informed on the track record / credit worthiness of organizations dealing with the EFI and shall advise the Executive Committee/ President appropriately.
6. He will monitor and present to the Executive Committee and to the General Assembly the list of members who have defaulted on any financial due to Federation.
7. The Treasurer will report to him and generally work under his guidance.



ARTICLE 021 - VICE PRESIDENT (VETERINARY, HORSE WELFARE AND MEDICATION CONTROL)

He will be responsible to General Assembly on all veterinary matters including Horse Welfare & Medication Control. His duties will be as under: -

1. Provide/make available necessary veterinary cover during conduct of National/ International events conducted under the aegis of EFI. Make arrangements for Dope Testing and other tests that may be required during an equestrian event.
2. Make arrangements to provide veterinary cover in Coaching Camps and camps established during an equestrian competition approved by the EFI.
3. Nominate veterinary personnel to act as members of Veterinary Commissions in competitions conducted under aegis of EFI.
4. Keep liaison with the Indian Contact Veterinarian on FEI panel of Veterinarians and keep track of all Veterinary activities and work in conjunction with him.
5. Organise and help conduct EFI/FEI Veterinary courses for Veterinarians in India or abroad.
6. Periodically screen Indian Veterinarians on FEI Veterinarian panel and in consultation with Contact Veterinarian, submit his recommendations for alterations, additions and deletions to president EFI.
7. Advisor to President on all veterinary matters. He will keep close liaison with the Animal Husbandry Department of Government of India and keep track of existing/prevaling veterinary diseases common and peculiar to Genus Equus and issue suitable instructions to all animal holders and riders.
8. Make available necessary veterinary lab facilities for sports horses as and when needed and is feasible.
9. He will automatically be the President of Veterinary Commission for shows held in India. In his absence he can nominate a suitable Veterinarian to be the President.
10. He can function as or nominate National Head Veterinarian to interact with FEI.



ARTICLE 022 - SECRETARY GENERAL

The Secretary General (SG) is an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee and of all standing Committees in consultative capacity without the right to vote. He is the head of the Secretariat of EFI and responsible for the following: -

1. The management of the Secretariat and financial management within the budget approved by General Assembly. He is also authorised to keep an Imprest Cash as approved by Executive Committee for defraying urgent cash expenditure.
2. Day to day functioning of EFI Secretariat and upkeep as also maintenance of office.
3. Responsible for convening meetings, sessions, recording and drafting of minutes and its distribution and implementation of decisions. He will ensure that the minutes of General Assembly / Extra Ordinary General Assembly and Executive Committee as well as selection committee meeting are prepared promptly and disseminated to all concerned, including a copy in the Federation reference file.
4. The preparation of Annual Report of EFI, and its submission during General Assembly.
5. The correspondence of EFI and the execution of formal documents with the approval of President. He will mandatorily keep the Executive Committee informed of all communications received from Government of India/ State Governments / Sports authority of India/ Indian Olympic Association/ Federation Equestre Internationale. These will be included by him in the agenda of all Executive Committee Meetings.
6. He will consult the respective Vice Presidents and seek their guidance in dealing with subject specific matters relating to Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI), Asian Equestrian Federation (AEF), International Tent Pegging Federation (ITPF), Indian Olympic Association, Government of India, State/UT Equestrian Associations and Institution/Club members.
7. Maintain an updated list of approved Coaches, Course Designers and Judges of all disciplines in consultations with the Vice President (Technical & Sports Development). He, however, cannot unilaterally



make changes in the list without approval of the Executive Committee.

8. He will ensure that the Federation website is updated with all the information for the benefit of the members. He must, however, ensure that the latest technical guidelines, as applicable, calendar of events, grades of horses, updated points of horses and riders and approved list of officials and results, are correctly available on the website at all times. All changes made must be updated promptly.
9. Keep President and Vice Presidents posted with all developments and seek their guidance in implementing Statutes, Rules and Regulations of EFI. He will function under the directions of Executive Committee, President and Vice Presidents.
10. His absence from office/ leave will be approved by the President / Vice President (Administration). During his absence, his function will be performed by the Joint Secretary.
11. He will ensure that the membership register is updated regularly.
12. The Secretary General will keep the Executive Committee members informed of all invitations received from International Federations/ foreign countries regarding participation of Indian Team. All such communication must be placed before the Executive Committee for its approval. However, should there be an urgency to decide prior to the Executive Committee meeting then the Secretary General will consult the President and seek his approval for participation and inform the Executive Committee subsequently.
13. He will maintain and update the Federation reference file which will include minutes of the Annual General Meeting, Executive Committee meeting, Selection Committee meeting, all invites to the Federation, courses/seminars/clinics etc. This file will be placed in the EFI office and made available to all members.
14. The Secretary General is authorised to sign all legal documents on behalf of the Federation.

ARTICLE 023 - JOINT SECRETARY

1. He will assist the Secretary General in day to day running of EFI Secretariat and will be report to him. He shall be member of Executive Committee without voting rights.



2. In absence of the Secretary General the Joint Secretary will officiate as the Secretary General.
3. **Duties of Joint Secretary.**
 - 3.1. Assist the Secretary General in all administrative functions of the Secretariat.
 - 3.2. Prepare the agenda points and minutes in consultation with the Secretary General for all meetings including Executive Committee and Annual General Meetings and ensure that those are circulated to all concerned well in time.
 - 3.3. Ensure that all trophies, mementoes, office equipment and records are well maintained and available when required.
 - 3.4. Ensure that website is updated.
 - 3.5. Ensure that all circulars, letters and communications are attended to promptly and efficiently. However, he must take guidance from Secretary General on the same.
 - 3.6. He/she will assist the Secretary General in all matters relating to Veterinary issues. He will maintain a meticulous record of all Dope test results and all reports/records relating to competitive status of horses. Organise the documentation and administrative support to Veterinary/farriery clinics organised by the Federation.
 - 3.7. He/she will be responsible for ensuring the Grading of Horses register is updated at all times.
 - 3.8. Ensure timely receipt of prospectus relating to events to be held under the aegis of EFI and after examining, approve the same in consultation with Secretary General and Vice President (Technical).
 - 3.9. Ensure that the list of Officials for events prepared by the Vice President (Technical & Sports Development) in consultation with Secretary General is circulated well in time to all concerned.



- 3.10 To be in regular touch with the OC of all events under the aegis of EFI and ensure that they are provided with the latest Technical Guidelines of the Federation. Also to assess from time to time the overall preparatory work done by the OC and to keep all concerned informed.
- 3.11 To liaise with State association and seek activity reports from all State associations.
- 3.12 To ensure that reports of all coaching camps are properly maintained and to put up the same to President, Vice President (Technical & Sports Development) through Secretary General.
- 3.13 To ensure that all results of all events are systematically recorded and available when required. Also seek from Indian riders based abroad of their performance record.
- 3.14 Ensure that all bids of events are compiled in consultation with Secretary General and put up to Executive Committee through Bid Evaluation and Membership Screening Committee for final approval and inclusion in the calendar.
- 3.15 Compile an overall events report in consultation with Vice President (Technical & Sports Development) through Secretary General at the end of the season for presenting the same to the Executive Committee.
- 3.16 Assist the Vice President (Technical & Sports Development) in preparing performance appraisal presentations for the Executive Committee for Olympic disciplines and non Olympic disciplines.
- 3.17 He will ensure that after conclusion of each event results are obtained from the Organising Committee and properly displayed on EFI website. He shall also obtain Technical Delegate's report and through Secretary General put up same to Vice President (Technical & Sports Development). It is absolutely necessary for him to ensure that the upgrading and downgrading of horses are done prior to the commencement of the next competition/event and updated on the website.



- 3.18 All matter related to Media and Publicity with respect to EFI will be the responsibility of Joint Secretary which will be executed with the approval of Secretary General.

ARTICLE 024 - TREASURER

1. The Treasurer will be member of Executive Committee without voting rights.
2. The Treasurer shall receive all money, including subscriptions of the Federation, and maintain proper account of the same and issue proper receipts.
3. The Treasurer shall be in charge of all money, accounts books, papers, vouchers and records including cheque books pertaining to EFI and shall submit an audited statement of accounts annually and/or otherwise, if necessary.
4. The Treasurer shall deposit all money, when received by the Federation, in the approved Bank immediately and maintain receipts for all payments made.
5. The Treasurer will present annual accounts for audit and get the accounts thoroughly audited by the Chartered Accountant empanelled by Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India. Such audit will be carried out within three months of the closing of financial year and the profit and loss account, income and expenditure account reflected properly.
6. The Treasurer will send copies of his correspondence with Chartered Accountant to the Secretary General for coordination and information of the President and Vice President (Finance).
7. The Treasurer will assist Vice President (Finance) and Secretary General in the preparation of the Annual Budget Estimate and also present the annual audit report before the Executive Committee and the General Assembly.
8. No expenditure shall be made by the Treasurer without the sanction of the President/Secretary General. He will ensure that expenditure authorised is within the powers vested in the office bearers concerned and also ensure that budget estimates authorised by the General Assembly are not exceeded.



9. The Treasurer will submit to the President and Vice President (Finance) through Secretary General periodical state of financial affairs and will also keep them posted of any developments.
10. The Treasurer will keep the President and Vice President (Finance) and Secretary General informed of the following:-
 - 10.1 List of members who have defaulted in payment of membership fee.
 - 10.2 List of Creditors and Debtors.
11. Get all accounts audited by the Board of officers as nominated by the President/Vice President (Finance) at the conclusion of any major show directly organised and conducted by the EFI. This will precede audit by the Chartered Accountant.
12. The Treasurer will maintain details of deposits, Investments (and their renewal as and when warranted under proper authority) and keep them under his personal custody. A physical check will be carried out periodically and a certificate rendered to President EFI for his information.
13. The Treasurer will be responsible for raising subscription bills and bills relating to corpus money or any other dues receivable by the Federation.
14. The Treasurer will furnish an updated account of the grants/financial support received from Ministry of sports, Government of India/any other agency and present the same to Executive Committee and GA.
15. The Treasurer will be a member of Sponsorship Committee.

ARTICLE 025 - MEMBERS – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – (4)

1. One member will be responsible for each of the Olympic disciplines and one for non Olympic disciplines. Olympic disciplines will consist of Dressage, Jumping & Eventing and non Olympic discipline shall consist of Tent Pegging & Endurance.
2. The member discipline will be responsible to the Executive Committee and to the General Assembly for all issues relating to their discipline.



3. The member discipline will chalk out plans and programmes for the improvement of the discipline and present the same to the Executive Committee for approval.
4. The member discipline will ensure that all statistics and data relating to their discipline is updated and readily available.
5. The member discipline will make specific plans for improvements in the competitive standard of the discipline concerned.
6. The member discipline will coordinate and guide the Organising Committee of events relating to their discipline.
7. He/she will assist the Vice President (Technical & Sports Development) in updation and amendments to Technical guidelines and be part of Technical Committee alongwith Secretary General.
8. The member disciplines will to the extent possible personally attend all events relating to their discipline but mandatorily attend the NEC and International events related to their discipline.
9. Promote and co-ordinate equestrian activities in the country related to their discipline.
10. Identify local talent especially form amongst school and college going children and from local Riding School/Club.
11. Arrange/organise and help in raising Equestrian Clubs in as many cities, colleges and schools as possible.
12. Liaise and co-ordinate with Govt mounted units to get maximum help in organising Equestrian events related to their discipline.
13. Liaise with University sports bodies and obtain infrastructure for equestrian events related to their discipline which could form a part and parcel of their sports events.
14. In consultation with Vice President (Technical & Sports Development), Secretary General, org clinics for officials, support staff related to Equestrian sports, coaching camps etc. related to their discipline.



15. Liaise with Govt authorities indulging in Equestrian activities/having Equestrian related infrastructure to hold events for promotion purposes related to their discipline.
16. Arrange suitable instructors/coaches for local riders with the help of EFI.

ARTICLE 026 - FINANCIAL POWERS

1. To ensure that financial position of the Federation remains sound, strict economy and fiscal control will be exercised. No unauthorised expenditure will be incurred and the monetary ceilings as prescribed below are strictly adhered to.
2. No expenditure will be incurred without prior approval of the Annual Budget by the General Assembly. The annual expenditure will be confined to the amount so approved, under each budgetary head. Any excess due to unforeseen circumstances will first be got approved by the Vice President (Finance), who will seek due approval of the same in the subsequent Executive Committee Meeting. Vice President (Finance) through Secretary General will also keep the President informed of such unforeseen expenditure.
3. The financial powers of the following office bearers will be prescribed by Executive Committee from time to time.
 - 3.1 President on the approval of AGM
 - 3.2 President in consultation with Executive Committee
 - 3.3 President
 - 3.4 Vice President (Finance)
 - 3.5 Secretary General



CHAPTER VII

STATE/UT EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATIONS

ARTICLE 027 - STATE/UT EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION

1. All State/UT Equestrian Associations must mandatorily hold their General Body Meetings once every year and a copy of the minutes must be forwarded to EFI within thirty days of such meeting. Whereas the State/UT Equestrian Association will have full autonomy in conducting their affairs and elections, they will however ensure that members suspended/terminated by the EFI are not representative office bearers in dealing with the EFI. The State/ UT Association must inform the EFI prior to holding of their General Body Meeting in order for the EFI to be able to send an Observer for the said meeting.
2. Calendar of Events relating to National / Regional Championship should be sent 60 days advance for approval/further dissemination to all members of the EFI.
3. A brief report on the promotional activities and events held should be forwarded to EFI at least once a year.
4. The Executive Committee may recommend to the General Assembly regarding the derecognition of State Association which are not engaged in conducting events and promoting the sport within the State.
5. State/UT Equestrian Associations must hold regular activities such as coaching camps, National/Regional/Local level equestrian championships. A report of those events must be forwarded to EFI from time to time.
6. The State/UT Equestrian Association have to follow the parameters of recognition as mentioned in these Statutes and the guidelines for recognition that shall be notified by the EFI.



CHAPTER VIII

EVENT ALLOTMENT AND CALENDAR

ARTICLE 028 - EVENT ALLOTMENT AND CALENDAR

1. All bids alongwith corpus money received by the EFI Secretariat must be forwarded to the Bid Evaluation and Membership Screening Committee.
2. The Corpus money will be reimbursed to the OC on completion of event subject to no due balance towards EFI or in case the bid is not accepted.
3. State/UT Equestrian Association/ Institutions/Clubs willing to host National/International events must have earlier record of hosting at least one Regional Championship under the aegis of EFI successfully.
4. The Calendar, once approved by the Executive Committee, cannot be changed unless the change is examined and approved by the Executive Committee.
5. The proposed calendar/ First Draft will be approved by the Executive Committee and circulated to all members by 31st May each year. This will then be posted on the website. Suggestion/ comments of members, if any must be sent to the Secretary General by 30th June of the relevant year. The final calendar of events will be published by Secretary General by 31st July of the same year. Irrespective of bids received for a National Championship/FEI Events, Executive Committee should consider allotting the event to different Regions in different calendar years in order to promote the sport in all the regions and to maintain the National character of sport and Federation.
6. The calendar of events relating to participation of Indian Team in foreign countries should be prepared by the Secretary General and put up for approval of the President.
7. During a competition for the event/selection trials, preceeding an international event, any horse during the event selected for Indian/Foreign team will be provided by the rider/Club without any preconditions, failing which rider/Club can be debarred from participation for up to three years.



CHAPTER IX

GENERAL

ARTICLE 029 - CORRESPONDENCE

1. All correspondence to the EFI should be addressed to the Secretary General. Members should invariably quote their membership number while corresponding with the EFI.

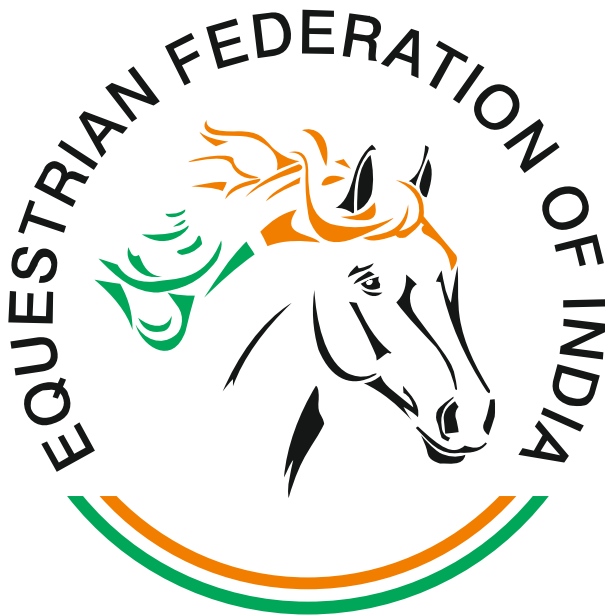
ARTICLE 030 - MISCELLANEOUS

1. **Affiliation:** The EFI will be affiliated to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sports Authority of India, the Indian Olympics Association, the International Tent Pegging Federation, Asian Equestrian Federation and Federation Equestre Internationale. The President and Secretary General will mandatorily represent EFI in their meetings/forums. The EFI can also become a member of other equestrian organization and other allied organization as and when authorized by the Executive committee. The General Assembly will be kept informed.
2. **Reciprocation:** The Executive Committee may extend reciprocal facilities to the members of the affiliated Association/Organisations/ Clubs/ Institutions and Defence/Para military Forces/Police Organisations/ Establishment and Units.
3. **Winding up:** The winding up of the EFI can only be decided by the votes of two-third of the members, delivered in person, at an Ordinary General Assembly Meeting, specially convened for this purpose.
4. **Disposal of Assets:** On dissolution of the society, the net assets and properties of the society shall be transferred to an association of persons or trust or society having similar purpose and objects of this society with prior approval of General Assembly.
5. **Registration of Horses:** All horses participating in competitions held under aegis of EFI must be registered with EFI as laid down by the Secretariat which will be valid for four years and can be renewed thereafter.



6. **Registration of Riders.** All riders participating in competitions held under aegis of EFI must be registered with EFI. The rider registration/identity number have to be renewed before 01 January every year without which Competition Entries during the following calendar year will not be accepted.
7. **Measures against Age fraud in Sports.** All measures to prevent such incidents shall be in place and followed strictly.
8. **Guidelines for Dope Testing Procedure.** Anti-Doping testing procedures are applicable to Riders of EFI. Govt rules & regulations will be strictly followed on the subject matter.
9. Indian Citizens are only permitted to participate in National events including RELs. No Indian citizen is permitted to participate for any other country without EFI's approval.
10. **Irrevocability:** The society is irrevocable.
11. The amended statutes will come into force with effect from 28th March 2022.





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